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Response

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In response to the non-Final Office Action ("Office Action") the Applicants submit the following response.

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	Claims remaining		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
Total	14	-	14	=	0
Independent	3	-	3	=	0